

**657—23.21 (124,155A) Destruction of controlled substances.** Controlled substances dispensed to a resident in a long-term care facility and subsequently requiring destruction due to discontinuance of the drug, death of the resident, or other reasons necessitating destruction shall be destroyed by one of the following methods.

**23.21(1) *Destruction in the facility.*** In facilities staffed by one or more persons licensed to administer drugs, a licensed health care professional (pharmacist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse) may destroy controlled substances in witness of one other responsible adult. The professional destroying or otherwise disposing of the drug shall prepare and maintain a readily retrievable record of the destruction or other disposition which shall be clearly marked to indicate the destruction or other disposition of resident drugs. The record shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- a.* Resident name and unique identification or number assigned by the dispensing pharmacy to the prescription;
- b.* The name, strength, and dosage form of the substance;
- c.* The quantity destroyed or otherwise disposed of;
- d.* The date the substance is destroyed or otherwise disposed of;
- e.* The signature or uniquely identifying initials or other unique identification of the professional and the witness;
- f.* The name and address of the dispensing pharmacy or the dispensing practitioner.

**23.21(2) *Destruction or other disposition in the long-term care pharmacy.*** Controlled substances returned to the pharmacy for destruction or other disposition may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the requirements of 657—subrule 10.18(3).